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Claim 1 (currently amended): A server apparatus for connection with a client apparatus via a communication network to transmit advertisement information to said client apparatus via which a user receives musical performance training, said server apparatus comprising:

a memory storing various advertisement information and a plurality of musical performance training programs, a performance practicing section of a practice music piece being divided into a plurality of performance training steps, each one of said plurality of musical performance training programs being intended to implement a respective one of said plurality of performance training steps;

a reception section configured to receive, from a particular client apparatus via the communication network, client information including musical information indicative of a type of performance equipment being used for musical training in said particular client apparatus;

a first selection section configured to select, on the basis of the client information received by said reception section, advertisement information related to the type of the performance equipment being used in said particular client apparatus from among said various advertisement information stored in said memory;

a second selection section configured to ~~select any one of the plurality of musical performance training programs stored in said memory, in response to a request made by the particular client apparatus~~ receive, from the client apparatus, request information requesting acquisition of any one of the musical performance training programs selected in accordance with a current performance training step of a user of the client apparatus, and select, in accordance with the received request information, a requested one of the plurality of musical performance training

programs stored in said memory; and

a control section configured to perform control such that the selected advertisement information and the selected musical performance training program is transmitted to said particular client apparatus via the communication network.

Claim 2 (original): A server apparatus as claimed in claim 1 wherein the advertisement information is advertisement information for encouraging purchase of a product related to the type of the performance equipment being used in said particular client apparatus.

Claim 3 (previously presented): A server apparatus as claimed in claim 1 wherein the client information includes non-musical general information in addition to the musical information, and wherein said selection section is further configured to select the advertisement information on the basis of the musical information in combination with the non-musical general information.

Claim 4 (currently amended): A client apparatus for connection with a server apparatus via a communication network to receive advertisement information from said server apparatus, said client apparatus being adapted to communicate with said server apparatus so that a user of said client apparatus can receive musical performance training from said server apparatus via said client apparatus, a performance practicing section of a practice music piece to be supplied by said server apparatus to said user being divided into a plurality of performance training steps, said server apparatus being capable of supplying said client apparatus with one of a plurality of musical performance training programs intended to implement one of said plurality of performance training steps, said client apparatus comprising:

a processor configured to:

perform control such that client information including musical information indicative of a type of performance equipment being used for musical training in said client apparatus is transmitted to said server apparatus via the communication network;

perform control such that request information requesting any one of ~~a~~ said plurality of musical performance training programs is transmitted to said server apparatus via the communication network;

receive, via the communication network, advertisement information that is transmitted by said server apparatus in response to the musical information and is related to the type of the performance equipment being used in said client apparatus;

reproduce the advertisement information received from said server apparatus; and

receive, via the communication network, one of the musical performance training programs that is transmitted by said server apparatus in response to the request information; and

a tone generator device that generates a tone related to musical performance training based on the received musical performance training program; and

a storage section storing training status information indicative of a current and/or already-finished performance training step of the performance practicing section of the user of the client apparatus,

wherein said processor is further configured to

update the training status information stored in said storage section in response to execution of the received one of said musical performance training programs and

transmit, via the communication network, the training status information read out from said storage section.

Claim 5 (previously presented): A client apparatus as claimed in claim 4,

wherein the advertisement information is advertisement information for encouraging purchase of a product related to the type of the performance equipment being used in said client apparatus, and

wherein said processor is further configured to reproduce the advertisement information by displaying, on the basis of the advertisement information, a screen for encouraging the purchase of the product, and, on the basis of a predetermined purchasing operation executed using the screen, inform said server apparatus that a user of said client apparatus wants to purchase the product.

Claim 6 (currently amended): An information transmission/reception system comprising a client apparatus and a server apparatus connected to said client apparatus via a communication network to communicate advertisement information from said server apparatus to said client apparatus, said client apparatus being adapted to communicate with said server apparatus so that a user of said client apparatus can receive musical performance training from said server apparatus via said client apparatus,

wherein said server apparatus comprises a memory storing various advertisement information and a plurality of musical performance training programs, a performance practicing section of a practice music piece being divided into a plurality of performance training steps, each one of said plurality of musical performance training programs being intended to implement a respective one of said plurality of performance training steps, and

said server apparatus is configured to receive, from a particular client apparatus via the communication network, client information including musical information indicative of a type of performance equipment being used for musical training in said particular client apparatus, select, on the basis of the received client information, advertisement information related to the type of the performance equipment being used in said particular client apparatus from among said various advertisement information stored in said memory, ~~select any one of the plurality of musical performance training programs stored in said memory, in response to a request made by said particular client apparatus~~ receive, from the client apparatus, request information requesting acquisition of any one of the musical performance training programs selected in accordance with a current performance training step of a user of the client apparatus, select, in accordance with the received request information, a requested one of the plurality of musical performance training

programs stored in said memory, and perform control such that the selected advertisement information and the selected musical performance training program is transmitted to said particular client apparatus via the communication network, and

wherein said client apparatus is configured to transmit, to said server apparatus via the communication network, client information including musical information indicative of the type of performance equipment being used in the client apparatus, receive, via the communication network, the advertisement information transmitted by said server apparatus in accordance with the type of the performance equipment based on the transmitted client information, reproduce the advertisement information received from said server apparatus, transmit, to said server apparatus via the communication network, request information requesting any one of ~~a~~said plurality of musical performance training programs, receive, via the communication network, the musical performance training program transmitted by said server apparatus in response to the request information, ~~and~~ generate a tone related to musical performance training based on the received musical performance training program, store, into a storage section, training status information indicative of a current and/or already-finished performance training step of the performance practicing section of the user of the client apparatus, update the training status information stored in said storage section in response to execution of the received one of said musical performance training programs, and transmit, via the communication network, the training status information read out from said storage section.

Claim 7 (original): An information transmission/reception system as claimed in claim 6 wherein the advertisement information is advertisement information for encouraging purchase of a product related to the type of the performance equipment being used in said particular client apparatus.

Claim 8 (previously presented): An information transmission/reception system as claimed in claim 6 wherein the client information includes non-musical general information in addition to the musical information, and said server apparatus is configured to select the advertisement information on the basis of the musical information in combination with the non-musical general information.

Claim 9 (previously presented): An information transmission/reception system as claimed in claim 6 wherein the advertisement information is advertisement information for encouraging purchase of a product related to the type of the performance equipment being used in said particular client apparatus, and wherein said client apparatus is configured to reproduce the advertisement information by displaying, on the basis of the advertisement information, a screen for encouraging the purchase of the product, and, on the basis of a predetermined purchasing operation executed using the screen, inform said server apparatus that a user of said particular client apparatus wants to purchase the product.

Claim 10 (currently amended): A server apparatus for connection with a client apparatus via a communication network to transmit advertisement information to said client apparatus via which a user receives musical performance training, said server apparatus comprising:

a memory storing various advertisement information and a plurality of musical performance training programs, a performance practicing section of a practice music piece being divided into a plurality of performance training steps, each one of said plurality of musical performance training programs being intended to implement a respective one of said plurality of performance training steps;

a reception section configured to receive, from a particular client apparatus via the communication network, client information including musical information indicative of contents of musical performance training to be received via said particular client apparatus;

a first selection section configured to select, on the basis of the received client information, advertisement information related to the contents of the musical performance training to be received from among said various advertisement information stored in said memory;

a second selection section configured to ~~select any one of the plurality of musical performance training programs stored in said memory, in response to a request made by the particular client apparatus~~ receive, from the client apparatus, request information requesting acquisition of any one of the musical performance training programs selected in accordance with a current performance training step of a user of the client apparatus, and select, in accordance with the received request information, a requested one of the plurality of musical performance training programs stored in said memory; and

a control section configured to perform control such that the selected advertisement

information and the selected musical performance training program is transmitted to said particular client apparatus via the communication network.

Claim 11 (original): A server apparatus as claimed in claim 10 wherein the advertisement information is advertisement information for encouraging purchase of a product related to the contents of the musical performance training to be received via said particular client apparatus.

Claim 12 (previously presented): A server apparatus as claimed in claim 10 wherein the client information includes non-musical general information in addition to the musical information, and said selection section is further configured to select the advertisement information on the basis of the musical information in combination with the non-musical general information.

Claim 13 (currently amended): A client apparatus for connection with a server apparatus via a communication network to receive advertisement information from said server apparatus, said client apparatus being adapted to communicate with said server apparatus so that a user of said client apparatus can receive musical performance training from said server apparatus via said client apparatus, a performance practicing section of a practice music piece to be supplied by said server apparatus to said user being divided into a plurality of performance training steps, said server apparatus being capable of supplying the client apparatus with one of said plurality of musical performance training programs intended to implement a respective one of said plurality of performance training, said client apparatus comprising:

a processor configured to:

perform control such that client information including musical information indicative of contents of musical performance training to be received via said client apparatus is transmitted to said server apparatus via the communication network;

perform control such that request information requesting any one of ~~a~~ a said plurality of musical performance training programs is transmitted to said server apparatus via the communication network;

receive, via the communication network, advertisement information that is transmitted by said server apparatus in response to the musical information and is related to the contents of the musical performance training;

reproduce the advertisement information received from said server apparatus; and

receive, via the communication network, one of the musical performance training programs that is transmitted by said server apparatus in response to the request information; ~~and~~

a tone generator device that generates a tone related to musical performance training based on the received musical performance training program; and

a storage section storing training status information indicative of a current and/or already-finished performance training step of the performance practicing section of the client apparatus,

wherein said processor is further configured to

update the training status information stored in said storage section in response to execution of the received one of said musical performance training programs and

transmit, via the communication network, the training status information read out from said storage section.

Claim 14 (previously presented): A client apparatus as claimed in claim 13,

wherein the advertisement information is advertisement information for encouraging purchase of a product related to the contents of the musical performance training to be received via said client apparatus, and

wherein said processor is further configured to reproduce the advertisement information by displaying, on the basis of the advertisement information, a screen for encouraging the purchase of the product, and, on the basis of a predetermined purchasing operation executed using the screen, inform said server apparatus that a user of said client apparatus wants to purchase the product.

Claim 15 (currently amended): An information transmission/reception system comprising a server apparatus and a client apparatus connected to said server apparatus via a communication network to communicate advertisement information from said server apparatus to said client apparatus, said client apparatus being adapted to communicate with said server apparatus so that a user of said client apparatus can receive musical performance training from said server apparatus via said client apparatus,

wherein said server apparatus comprises a memory storing various advertisement information and a plurality of musical performance training programs, a performance practicing section of a practice music piece being divided into a plurality of performance training steps, each one of said plurality of musical performance training programs being intended to implement a respective one of said plurality of performance training, and

said server apparatus is configured to receive, from a particular client apparatus via the communication network, client information including musical information indicative of contents of musical performance training to be received via said particular client apparatus, select, on the basis of the received client information, advertisement information related to the contents of the musical performance training from among said various advertisement information stored in said memory, ~~select any one of the plurality of musical performance training programs stored in said memory, in response to a request made by said particular client apparatus~~ receive, from the client apparatus, request information requesting acquisition of any one of the musical performance training programs selected in accordance with a current performance training step of a user of the client apparatus, select, in accordance with the received request information, a requested one of the plurality of musical performance training programs stored in said memory, and perform control such that the

selected advertisement information and the selected musical performance training program is transmitted to said particular client apparatus via the communication network, and

wherein said client apparatus is configured to transmit, to said server apparatus via the communication network, client information including musical information indicative of contents of musical performance training to be received via the client apparatus, receive, via the communication network, the advertisement information that is transmitted by said server apparatus in accordance with the contents of the musical performance training based on the transmitted client information, reproduce the advertisement information received from said server apparatus, transmit, to said server apparatus via the communication network, request information requesting any one of a said plurality of musical performance training programs, receive, via the communication network, the musical performance training program transmitted by said server apparatus in response to the request information, and generate a tone related to musical performance training based on the received musical performance training program, store, into a storage section, training status information indicative of a current and/or already-finished performance training step of the performance practicing section of the user of the client apparatus, update the training status information stored in said storage section in response to execution of the received one of said musical performance training programs, and transmit, via the communication network, the training status information read out from said storage section.

Claim 16 (original): An information transmission/reception system as claimed in claim 15 wherein the advertisement information is advertisement information for encouraging purchase of a product related to the contents of the musical performance training to be received via said particular client apparatus.

Claim 17 (previously presented): An information transmission/reception system as claimed in claim 15 wherein the client information includes non-musical general information in addition to the musical information, and wherein said server apparatus is configured to select the advertisement information on the basis of the musical information in combination with the non-musical general information.

Claim 18 (previously presented): An information transmission/reception system as claimed in claim 15 wherein the advertisement information is advertisement information for encouraging purchase of a product related to the contents of the musical performance training to be received via said particular client apparatus, and wherein said client apparatus is configured to reproduce the advertisement information by displaying, on the basis of the advertisement information, a screen for encouraging the purchase of the product, and, on the basis of a predetermined purchasing operation executed using the screen, inform said server apparatus that a user of said particular client apparatus wants to purchase the product.

Claims 19-40 (canceled)

Claim 41 (currently amended): A method for supplying information from a server apparatus to a client apparatus via a communication network, said client apparatus being adapted to communicate with said server apparatus so that a user of said client apparatus can receive musical performance training from said server apparatus via said client apparatus, said server apparatus including a memory storing various advertisement information and a plurality of musical performance training programs, a performance practicing section of a practice music piece being divided into a plurality of performance training steps, each one of said plurality of musical performance training programs being intended to implement a respective one of said plurality of performance training, said method comprising:

a step of receiving, from a particular client apparatus via the communication network, client information including musical information indicative of a type of performance equipment being used for musical training in said particular client apparatus;

a step of selecting, on the basis of the received client information, advertisement information related to the type of the performance equipment being used in said particular client apparatus from among said various advertisement information stored in said memory;

~~a step of selecting, any one of the plurality of musical performance training programs stored in said memory, in response to a request made by the particular client apparatus~~ receiving, from the client apparatus, request information requesting acquisition of any one of the musical performance training programs selected in accordance with a current performance training step of a user of the client apparatus, and selecting, in accordance with the received request information, a requested one of the plurality of musical performance training programs stored in said memory; and

a step of performing control such that the selected advertisement information and the

selected musical performance training program is transmitted to said particular client apparatus via the communication network.

Claim 42 (currently amended): A method for communicating information between a server apparatus and a client apparatus via a communication network, said client apparatus being adapted to communicate with said server apparatus so that a user of said client apparatus can receive musical performance training from said server apparatus via said client apparatus, a performance practicing section of a practice music piece to be supplied by said server apparatus to said user being divided into a plurality of performance training steps, said server apparatus being capable of supplying said client apparatus with one of a plurality of musical performance training programs intended to implement one of said plurality of performance training, said method comprising:

a step of performing control such that client information including musical information indicative of a type of performance equipment being used for musical training in a particular client apparatus is transmitted to said server apparatus via the communication network;

a step of performing control such that request information requesting any one of ~~a~~ said plurality of musical performance training programs is transmitted to said server apparatus via the communication network;

a step of receiving, via the communication network, advertisement information that is transmitted by said server apparatus in response to the musical information and is related to the type of the performance equipment being used in said particular client apparatus;

a step of reproducing the advertisement information received from said server apparatus;

a step of receiving, via the communication network, one of the musical performance training

programs that is transmitted by said server apparatus in response to the request information; and

a step of generating a tone related to musical performance training based on the received musical performance training program in the particular client apparatus;

a step of storing, into a storage section, training status information indicative of a current and/or already-finished performance training step of the performance practicing section of the user of the client apparatus;

a step of updating the training status information stored in the storage section in response to execution of the received one of said musical performance training programs; and

a step of transmitting, via the communication network, the training status information read out from said storage section.

Claim 43 (currently amended): A method for communicating information between a server apparatus and a client apparatus via a communication network, said client apparatus being adapted to communicate with said server apparatus so that a user of said client apparatus can receive musical performance training from said server apparatus via said client apparatus, said server apparatus including a memory storing various advertisement information and a plurality of musical performance training programs, a performance practicing section of a practice music piece being divided into a plurality of performance training steps, each one of said plurality of musical performance training programs being intended to implement a respective one of said plurality of performance training steps, said method comprising:

a step of causing said server apparatus to receive, from a particular client apparatus via the communication network, client information including musical information indicative of a type of

performance equipment being used for musical training in said particular client apparatus;

a step of causing said server apparatus to select, on the basis of the received client information, advertisement information related to the type of the performance equipment being used in said particular client apparatus from among said various advertisement information stored in said memory;

a step of causing said server apparatus to ~~select any one of the plurality of musical performance training programs stored in said memory, in response to a request made by said particular client apparatus~~ receive, from the client apparatus, request information requesting acquisition of any one of the musical performance training programs selected in accordance with a current performance training step of a user of the client apparatus, and select, in accordance with the received request information, a requested one of the plurality of musical performance training programs stored in the memory;

a step of causing said server apparatus to perform control such that the selected advertisement information and the selected musical performance training program is transmitted to said particular client apparatus via the communication network;

a step of causing said client apparatus to transmit, to said server apparatus via the communication network, client information including musical information indicative of the type of performance equipment being used in the client apparatus;

a step of causing said client apparatus to receive, via the communication network, the advertisement information transmitted by said server apparatus in accordance with the type of the performance equipment based on the transmitted client information;

a step of causing said client apparatus to reproduce the advertisement information received

from said server apparatus;

a step of causing said client apparatus to transmit, to said server apparatus via the communication network, request information requesting any one of ~~a~~ said plurality of musical performance training programs;

a step of causing said client apparatus to receive, via the communication network, the musical performance training program transmitted by said server apparatus in response to the request information; ~~and~~

a step of causing said client apparatus to generate a tone related to musical performance training based on the received musical performance training program;

a step of causing said client apparatus to store, into a storage section, training status information indicative of a current and/or already-finished performance training step of the performance practicing section of the user of the client apparatus;

a step of causing said client apparatus to update the training status information stored in said storage section in response to execution of the received one of said musical performance training programs; and

a step of causing said client apparatus to transmit, via the communication network, the training status information read out from the storage section.

Claim 44 (currently amended): A method for supplying information from a server apparatus to a client apparatus via a communication network, said client apparatus being adapted to communicate with said server apparatus so that a user of said client apparatus can receive musical performance training from said server apparatus via said client apparatus, said server apparatus including a memory storing various advertisement information and a plurality of musical performance training programs, a performance practicing section of a practice music piece being divided into a plurality of performance training steps, each one of said plurality of musical performance training programs being intended to implement a respective one of said plurality of performance training, said method comprising:

a step of receiving, from a particular client apparatus via the communication network, client information including musical information indicative of contents of musical performance training to be received via said particular client apparatus;

a step of selecting, on the basis of the received client information, advertisement information related to the contents of the musical performance training to be received from among said various advertisement information stored in said memory;

~~a step of selecting any one of the plurality of musical performance training programs stored in said memory, in response to a request made by the particular client apparatus~~ receiving, from the client apparatus, request information requesting acquisition of any one of the musical performance training programs selected in accordance with a current performance training step of a user of the client apparatus, and selecting, in accordance with the received request information, a requested one of the plurality of musical performance training programs stored in said memory; and

a step of performing control such that the selected advertisement information and the

selected musical performance training program is transmitted to said particular client apparatus via the communication network.

Claim 45 (currently amended): A method for communicating information between a server apparatus and a client apparatus via a communication network, said client apparatus being adapted to communicate with said server apparatus so that a user of said client apparatus can receive musical performance training from said server apparatus via said client apparatus, a performance practicing section of a practice music piece to be supplied by said server apparatus to said user being divided into a plurality of performance training steps, said server apparatus being capable of supplying said client apparatus with one of a plurality of musical performance training programs intended to implement one of said plurality of performance training, said method comprising:

a step of performing control such that client information including musical information indicative of contents of musical performance training to be received via a particular client apparatus is transmitted to said server apparatus via the communication network;

a step of performing control such that request information requesting any one of ~~a~~said plurality of musical performance training programs is transmitted to said server apparatus via the communication network;

a step of receiving, via the communication network, advertisement information that is transmitted by said server apparatus in response to the musical information and is related to the contents of the musical performance training;

a step of reproducing the advertisement information received from said server apparatus;

a step of receiving, via the communication network, one of the musical performance training

programs that is transmitted by said server apparatus in response to the request information; ~~and~~

a step of generating a tone related to musical performance training based on the received musical performance training program in the particular client apparatus,

a step of storing, into a storage section, training status information indicative of a current and/or already-finished performance training step of the performance practicing section of the user of the client apparatus;

a step of updating the training status information stored in the storage section in response to execution of the received one of said musical performance training programs; and

a step of transmitting, via the communication network, the training status information read out from said storage section.

Claim 46 (currently amended): A method for communicating information between a server apparatus and a client apparatus via a communication network, said client apparatus being adapted to communicate with said server apparatus so that a user of said client apparatus can receive musical performance training from said server apparatus via said client apparatus, said server apparatus including a memory storing various advertisement information and a plurality of musical performance training programs, a performance practicing section of a practice music piece being divided into a plurality of performance training steps, each one of said plurality of musical performance training programs being intended to implement a respective one of said plurality of performance training steps, said method comprising:

a step of causing said server apparatus to receive, from a particular client apparatus via the communication network, client information including musical information indicative of contents of

musical performance training to be received via said particular client apparatus;

a step of causing said server apparatus to select, on the basis of the received client information, advertisement information related to the contents of the musical performance training from among said various advertisement information stored in said memory;

a step of causing said server apparatus to ~~select any one of the plurality of musical performance training programs stored in said memory, in response to a request made by said particular client apparatus~~ receive, from the client apparatus, request information requesting acquisition of any one of the musical performance training programs selected in accordance with a current performance training step of a user of the client apparatus, and select, in accordance with the received request information, a requested one of the plurality of musical performance training programs stored in the memory;

a step of causing said server apparatus to perform control such that the selected advertisement information and the selected musical performance training program is transmitted to said particular client apparatus via the communication network;

a step of causing said client apparatus to transmit, to said server apparatus via the communication network, client information including musical information indicative of contents of musical performance training to be received via said client apparatus;

a step of causing said client apparatus to receive, via the communication network, advertisement information that is transmitted by said server apparatus in response to the musical information and is related to the contents of the musical performance training based on the transmitted client information;

a step of causing said client apparatus to reproduce the advertisement information received

from said server apparatus;

a step of causing said client apparatus to transmit, to said server apparatus via the communication network, request information requesting any one of ~~a~~said plurality of musical performance training programs;

a step of causing said client apparatus to receive, via the communication network, the musical performance training program transmitted by said server apparatus in response to the request information; ~~and~~

a step of causing said client apparatus to generate a tone related to musical performance training based on the received musical performance training program;

a step of causing said client apparatus to store, into a storage section, training status information indicative of a current and/or already-finished performance training step of the performance practicing section of the user of the client apparatus;

a step of causing said client apparatus to update the training status information stored in said storage section in response to execution of the received one of said musical performance training programs; and

a step of causing said client apparatus to transmit, via the communication network, the training status information read out from the storage section.

Claim 47-49 (canceled)

Claim 50 (currently amended): A machine-readable storage medium containing a program for causing a processor to perform an information supply method for supplying information from a server apparatus to a client apparatus via a communication network, said client apparatus being adapted to communicate with said server apparatus so that a user of said client apparatus can receive musical performance training from said server apparatus via said client apparatus, said server apparatus including a memory storing various advertisement information and a plurality of musical performance training programs, a performance practicing section of a practice music piece being divided into a plurality of performance training steps, each one of said plurality of musical performance training programs being intended to implement a respective one of said plurality of performance training, said information supply method comprising:

a step of receiving, from a particular client apparatus via the communication network, client information including musical information indicative of a type of performance equipment being used for musical training in said particular client apparatus;

a step of selecting, on the basis of the received client information, advertisement information related to the type of the performance equipment being used in said particular client apparatus from among said various advertisement information stored in said memory;

~~a step of selecting any one of the plurality of musical performance training programs stored in said memory, in response to a request made by the particular client apparatus~~ receiving, from the client apparatus, request information requesting acquisition of any one of the musical performance training programs selected in accordance with a current performance training step of a user of the client apparatus, and selecting, in accordance with the received request information, a requested one of the plurality of musical performance training programs stored in said memory; and

a step of performing control such that the selected advertisement information and the selected musical performance training program is transmitted to said particular client apparatus via the communication network.

Claim 51 (currently amended): A machine-readable storage medium containing a program to cause a processor to perform a method for communicating information between a server apparatus and a client apparatus via a communication network, said client apparatus being adapted to communicate with said server apparatus so that a user of said client apparatus can receive musical performance training from said server apparatus via said client apparatus, a performance practicing section of a practice music piece to be supplied by said server apparatus to said user being divided into a plurality of performance training steps, said server apparatus being capable of supplying said client apparatus with one of a plurality of musical performance training programs intended to implement one of said plurality of performance training, said method comprising:

a step of performing control such that client information including musical information indicative of a type of performance equipment being used for musical training in a particular client apparatus is transmitted to said server apparatus via the communication network;

a step of performing control such that request information requesting any one of a said plurality of musical performance training programs is transmitted to said server apparatus via the communication network;

a step of receiving, via the communication network, advertisement information that is transmitted by said server apparatus in response to the musical information and is related to the type of the performance equipment being used in said particular client apparatus;

a step of reproducing the advertisement information received from said server apparatus;
a step of receiving, via the communication network, one of the musical performance training programs that is transmitted by said server apparatus in response to the request information; and
a step of generating a tone related to musical performance training based on the received musical performance training program in the particular client apparatus;
a step of storing, into a storage section, training status information indicative of a current and/or already-finished performance training step of the performance practicing section of the user of the client apparatus;
a step of updating the training status information stored in the storage section in response to execution of the received one of said musical performance training programs; and
a step of transmitting, via the communication network, the training status information read out from said storage section.

Claim 52 (currently amended): A combination of a first machine-readable storage medium and a second machine-readable storage medium, said first machine-readable storage medium containing a program to cause a server processor to perform a first procedure for communicating information between a server apparatus and a client apparatus via a communication network, said second machine-readable storage medium containing a program to cause a client processor to perform a second procedure for communicating information between said server apparatus and said client apparatus via said communication network, said client apparatus being adapted to communicate with said server apparatus so that a user of said client apparatus can receive musical performance training from said server apparatus via said client apparatus, said server apparatus

including a memory storing various advertisement information and a plurality of musical performance training programs, a performance practicing section of a practice music piece being divided into a plurality of performance training steps, each one of said plurality of musical performance training programs being intended to implement a respective one of said plurality of performance training steps,

said first procedure comprising:

a step of causing said server apparatus to receive, from a particular client apparatus via the communication network, client information including musical information indicative of a type of performance equipment being used for musical training in said particular client apparatus;

a step of causing said server apparatus to select, on the basis of the received client information, advertisement information related to the type of the performance equipment being used in said particular client apparatus from among said various advertisement information stored in said memory;

a step of causing said server apparatus to ~~select any one of the plurality of musical performance training programs stored in said memory, in response to a request made by said particular client apparatus~~ receive, from the client apparatus, request information requesting acquisition of any one of the musical performance training programs selected in accordance with a current performance training step of a user of the client apparatus, and select, in accordance with the received request information, a requested one of the plurality of musical performance training programs stored in the memory; and

a step of causing said server apparatus to perform control such that the selected advertisement information and the selected musical performance training program is transmitted to

said particular client apparatus via the communication network,

said second procedure comprising:

a step of causing said client apparatus to transmit, to said server apparatus via the communication network, client information including musical information indicative of the type of performance equipment being used in the client apparatus;

a step of causing said client apparatus to receive, via the communication network, the advertisement information transmitted by said server apparatus in accordance with the type of the performance equipment based on the transmitted client information;

a step of causing said client apparatus to reproduce the advertisement information received from said server apparatus;

a step of causing said client apparatus to transmit, to said server apparatus via the communication network, request information requesting any one of a said plurality of musical performance training programs;

a step of causing said client apparatus to receive, via the communication network, the musical performance training program transmitted by said server apparatus in response to the request information; ~~and~~

a step of causing said client apparatus to generate a tone related to musical performance training based on the received musical performance training program;

a step of causing said client apparatus to store, into a storage section, training status information indicative of a current and/or already-finished performance training step of the performance practicing section of the user of the client apparatus;

a step of causing said client apparatus to update the training status information stored in said

storage section in response to execution of the received one of said musical performance training programs; and

a step of causing said client apparatus to transmit, via the communication network, the training status information read out from the storage section.

Claim 53 (currently amended): A machine-readable storage medium containing a program to cause a processor to perform a method for supplying information from a server apparatus to a client apparatus via a communication network, said client apparatus being adapted to communicate with said server apparatus so that a user of said client apparatus can receive musical performance training from said server apparatus via said client apparatus, said server apparatus including a memory storing various advertisement information and a plurality of musical performance training programs, a performance practicing section of a practice music piece being divided into a plurality of performance training steps, each one of said plurality of musical performance training programs being intended to implement a respective one of said plurality of performance training, said method comprising:

a step of receiving, from a particular client apparatus via the communication network, client information including musical information indicative of contents of musical performance training to be received via said particular client apparatus;

a step of selecting, on the basis of the received client information, advertisement information related to the contents of the musical performance training to be received from among said various advertisement information stored in said memory;

~~a step of selecting any one of the plurality of musical performance training programs stored~~

in said memory, in response to a request made by the particular client apparatus receiving, from the client apparatus, request information requesting acquisition of any one of the musical performance training programs selected in accordance with a current performance training step of a user of the client apparatus, and selecting, in accordance with the received request information, a requested one of the plurality of musical performance training programs stored in said memory; and

a step of performing control such that the selected advertisement information and the selected musical performance training program is transmitted to said particular client apparatus via the communication network.

Claim 54 (currently amended): A machine-readable storage medium containing a program to cause a processor to perform a method for communicating information between a server apparatus and a client apparatus via a communication network, said client apparatus being adapted to communicate with said server apparatus so that a user of said client apparatus can receive musical performance training from said server apparatus via said client apparatus, a performance practicing section of a practice music piece to be supplied by said server apparatus to said user being divided into a plurality of performance training steps, said server apparatus being capable of supplying said client apparatus with one of a plurality of musical performance training programs intended to implement one of said plurality of performance training, said method comprising:

a step of performing control such that client information including musical information indicative of contents of musical performance training to be received via a particular client apparatus is transmitted to said server apparatus via the communication network;

a step of performing control such that request information requesting any one of a said

plurality of musical performance training programs is transmitted to said server apparatus via the communication network;

a step of receiving, via the communication network, advertisement information that is transmitted by said server apparatus in response to the musical information and is related to the contents of the musical performance training;

a step of reproducing the advertisement information received from said server apparatus;

a step of receiving, via the communication network, one of the musical performance training programs that is transmitted by said server apparatus in response to the request information; and

a step of generating a tone related to musical performance training based on the received musical performance training program in the particular client apparatus;

a step of storing, into a storage section, training status information indicative of a current and/or already-finished performance training step of the performance practicing section of the user of the client apparatus;

a step of updating the training status information stored in the storage section in response to execution of the received one of said musical performance training programs; and

a step of transmitting, via the communication network, the training status information read out from said storage section.

Claim 55 (currently amended): A combination of a first machine-readable storage medium and a second machine-readable storage medium, said first machine-readable storage medium containing a program to cause a server processor to perform a first procedure for communicating information between a server apparatus and a client apparatus via a communication network, said second machine-readable storage medium containing a program to cause a client processor to perform a second procedure for communicating information between said server apparatus and said client apparatus via said communication network, said client apparatus being adapted to communicate with said server apparatus so that a user of said client apparatus can receive musical performance training from said server apparatus via said client apparatus, said server apparatus including a memory storing various advertisement information and a plurality of musical performance training programs, a performance practicing section of a practice music piece being divided into a plurality of performance training steps, each one of said plurality of musical performance training programs being intended to implement a respective one of said plurality of performance training steps.

said first procedure comprising:

a step of causing said server apparatus to receive, from a particular client apparatus via the communication network, client information including musical information indicative of contents of musical performance training to be received via said particular client apparatus;

a step of causing said server apparatus to select, on the basis of the received client information, advertisement information related to the contents of the musical performance training from among said various advertisement information stored in said memory;

a step of causing said server apparatus to ~~select any one of the plurality of musical~~

~~performance training programs stored in said memory, in response to a request made by said particular client apparatus receive, from the client apparatus, request information requesting acquisition of any one of the musical performance training programs selected in accordance with a current performance training step of a user of the client apparatus, and select, in accordance with the received request information, a requested one of the plurality of musical performance training programs stored in the memory; and~~

a step of causing said server apparatus to perform control such that the selected advertisement information and the selected musical performance training program is transmitted to said particular client apparatus via the communication network,

said second procedure comprising:

a step of causing said client apparatus to transmit, to said server apparatus via the communication network, client information including musical information indicative of contents of musical performance training to be received via said client apparatus;

a step of causing said client apparatus to receive, via the communication network, advertisement information that is transmitted by said server apparatus in response to the musical information and is related to the contents of the musical performance training based on the transmitted client information;

a step of causing said client apparatus to reproduce the advertisement information received from said server apparatus;

a step of causing said client apparatus to transmit, to said server apparatus via the communication network, request information requesting any one of ~~a~~said plurality of musical performance training programs;

a step of causing said client apparatus to receive, via the communication network, the musical performance training program transmitted by said server apparatus in response to the request information; and

a step of causing said client apparatus to generate a tone related to musical performance training based on the received musical performance training program;

a step of causing said client apparatus to store, into a storage section, training status information indicative of a current and/or already-finished performance training step of the performance practicing section of the user of the client apparatus;

a step of causing said client apparatus to update the training status information stored in said storage section in response to execution of the received one of said musical performance training programs; and

a step of causing said client apparatus to transmit, via the communication network, the training status information read out from the storage section.

Claim 56-64 (canceled)

Claim 65 (previously presented): A server apparatus as claimed in claim 1 which further comprises:

a billing control section configured to perform a billing operation for billing said client apparatus for the selected musical performance training program.

Claim 66 (canceled)

Claim 67 (previously presented): An information transmission/reception system as claimed in claim 6 wherein said server apparatus is further configured to perform a billing operation for billing said particular client apparatus for the selected musical performance training program.

Claim 68 (previously presented): A server apparatus as claimed in claim 10 which further comprises:

a billing control section configured to perform a billing operation for billing said client apparatus for the selected musical performance training program.

Claim 69 (canceled)

Claim 70 (previously presented): An information transmission/reception system as claimed in claim 15 wherein said server apparatus is further configured to perform a billing operation for billing said particular client apparatus for the selected musical performance training program.

Claim 71 (new) A server apparatus as claimed in claim 1,
wherein a supplying order by which said plurality of musical performance training programs stored in said memory are to be supplied is determined in advance, and
wherein, in accordance with the supplying order, said server apparatus causes the user of the client apparatus to select the musical performance training programs and supplies the selected musical performance training programs to the client apparatus.

Claim 72 (new): A client apparatus as claimed in claim 4,
wherein a supplying order by which said plurality of musical performance training programs stored in said memory are to be supplied is determined in advance, and
wherein the client apparatus transmits, to said server apparatus, request information for selecting the musical performance training programs in accordance with the supplying order, so that the client apparatus receives, from said server apparatus, the musical performance training programs in accordance with the supplying order and implements the received musical performance training programs in accordance with the supplying order.

Claim 73 (new): An information transmission/reception system as claimed in claim 6,
wherein a supplying order by which said plurality of musical performance training programs stored in said memory are to be supplied is determined in advance, and
wherein the client apparatus transmits, to said server apparatus, request information for selecting the musical performance training programs in accordance with the supplying order, so that the client apparatus receives, from said server apparatus, the musical performance training programs in accordance with the supplying order and implements the received musical performance training programs in accordance with the supplying order.

Claim 74 (new): A server apparatus as claimed in claim 10,
wherein a supplying order by which said plurality of musical performance training programs stored in said memory are to be supplied is determined in advance, and
wherein, in accordance with the supplying order, said server apparatus causes the user of the client apparatus to select the musical performance training programs and supplies the selected musical performance training programs to the client apparatus.

Claim 75 (new): A client apparatus as claimed in claim 13,
wherein a supplying order by which said plurality of musical performance training programs stored in said memory are to be supplied is determined in advance, and
wherein the client apparatus transmits, to said server apparatus, request information for selecting the musical performance training programs in accordance with the supplying order, so that the client apparatus receives, from said server apparatus, the musical performance training programs in accordance with the supplying order and implements the received musical performance training programs in accordance with the supplying order.

Claim 76 (new): An information transmission/reception system as claimed in claim 15, wherein a supplying order by which said plurality of musical performance training programs stored in said memory are to be supplied is determined in advance, and wherein the client apparatus transmits, to said server apparatus, request information for selecting the musical performance training programs in accordance with the supplying order, so that the client apparatus receives, from said server apparatus, the musical performance training programs in accordance with the supplying order and implements the received musical performance training programs in accordance with the supplying order.